A

LETTER

FROM AN

OFFICER

IN

Prince CHARLES's Army;

Charles Alexander, Prince of Lorraine.

Giving a TRUE and PARTICULAR

ACCOUNT

Of His HIGHNESS's repaſſing the

RHINE.

To which is annexed,

An exact PLAN of His ARMY in Order of Battle, with all his General Officers, as drawn up on the Plain of *Roppenheim*, after he had repaſſed that River.

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A LETTER from the County of *Baden*, *Auguſt* 25, N. S.

I DON'T doubt but the Skirmiſhes which happened the Day before we re-paſs'd the *Rhine*, notwithſtanding we quietly executed our Project the Night following, has cauſed ſome Couriers to be ſent, preceded by ſome Dozens of Poſtillions, ſounding their Horns, *&c. &c.* and coſt the Enemies a large Quantity of Powder, in Sign of a Victory and Rejoicing. If we were to imitate them, our Cannoneers would have enough to do; becauſe, in all the Rencounters, the Loſs of the Enemies were more conſiderable than ours; but we know how to make better Uſe of our Powder, than fire it in the Air. Beſides, the ſimple and true Account, which I am going to relate, will convince every body, that the Skirmiſhes, which both preceded and follow'd, don't deſerve to be mention'd, and have nothing to do with our Re-paſſage of the *Rhine*; and that we loſt only Thirty-two Men, without the Enemy's Army (which were Eighty Thouſand) endeavouring to embarraſs, or trouble us.

THE 15th of *Auguſt*, our Army march'd from *Vingerſen*, to occupy an advantageous Camp, which was mark'd out for them near *Wirſheim*, the Back of the River *Soor*. This Situation cover'd our Bridges at *Druſenheim* and *Beinheim*, and enabled us to diſappoint the Projects the Enemies had form'd upon *Briſgau* and *Fribourgh*.

GENERAL *Nadaſti* having beat back, for ſeveral Days, the Succours of the Enemies under the Command of the Duke of *Harcourt*, continued to maintain himſelf at *Saverne*, till he received Orders to abandon that Poſt and join the Army, which was ſtrong enough, and numerous, to make Head and de-

liver Battle to the Enemies, after the Junction of all their Reinforcements.

THE 16th we had Advice, that a Party of the Enemy's Army had pass'd the Canal of *Melsheim*, and were encamp'd over against *Strasbourgh*, and the rest of the Army were to follow the next Day. The 17th we learnt, that the Enemies were in Motion towards our Right Wing, and march'd along the Causey, towards *Hagenau*. The two Days following, we perceived a great Cloud of Dust on the Side of the Mountains; and at the same Time had Advice, that a Column of the Enemies march'd towards our Left Wing; but we soon perceived, that their Motions were not made with a Design to attack us, but to cover their Foragers, which was their real Design; for, having brought some Cannon with them, they fired upon our *Hussars* the whole Day. Notwithstanding, we judged proper to open our Right Wing, in order to make a greater Front against the Enemies, which was executed on the 20th. Our Left Wing continued in the same Position upon the *Soor*. In consequence of which, at Break of Day, our Army put itself in Order of Battle, and waited quietly for the Enemies, who dared not approach us; on the contrary, our Left Wing advanced towards them; and in the Evening, about Five or Six o'Clock, they retired to their own Camp, which was two Leagues from us.

ON our Side, it was resolved not to waste Time, but repass the *Rhine*, to cover our own proper Country against the Invasion of the King of *Prussia*, as it was found not convenient to attack them in their advantageous Camp. We sent our Baggage, on the 20th, to *Drusenheim*, and, on the 21st, to the Side of the *Rhine*; during which Time, our Army continued in the same Position, offering Battle to the Enemies till Three o' Clock in the Morning, when they began to march, and pass'd over the River *Motter*, on

on four Bridges; our Infantry guarding the Banks from *Rorweiller* to *Biſchweiller*, and our Cavalry encamping at the Back of two Hills. In this Poſition, the Enemies dared not diſturb our Arrier-Guard, compoſed of four Regiments of Cavalry, four of *Huſſars*, all the *Croats* and *Pandours* (except the Body of General *Bernclau*) forty-two Companies of Grenadiers, and the two *Hungarian* Regiments of *Fortgatſch* and *Eſterhaſi*. The Enemies not making any Movement towards our Army, who began their March at Ten in the Morning, and encamp'd at *Beinheim*, without any other Diſturbance than the firing of the great Guns from *Fort Louis* (whilſt our Army paſs'd at *Exege*) which we took more for a Signal, than a real Cannonading, as we were at ſo great a Diſtance from them, it was impoſſible to do us any Harm.

The 22d we halted, and the Enemies approach'd near *Biſchweiller*. We had evacuated *Druſenheim* the Night before, and broke the Bridge we had there over the *Rhine*. The 23d we learnt, that the Enemies march'd towards us, as if they had a Deſign to engage us; and already our Advanc'd Guards upon the Right Wing, conſiſting in one Company of Grenadiers of the Regiment of *Bernclau*, and Two Thouſand *Croats*, commanded by the Prince of *Durlach*, were defeated, before they could be ſuccour'd by General *Bernclau*; the *Croats* found themſelves too weak, and abandon'd, thro' Heedleſneſs, two Field-Pieces. In the mean time, our advanced Poſts on the Left, compoſed of ſome Battalions of *Croats* and Forty-two Companies of Grenadiers, under Lieutenant-General *Daun*, ſuffer'd a furious Attack near the Village of *Seſſenheim*; ſo that, at firſt, they were put in Diſorder, and ſome Companies of Grenadiers were obliged to give Ground. But General *Daun*, to remedy this Evil, led the two *Hungarian* Regiments of *Fortgatſch* and *Eſterhaſi*, with Drums beating, againſt the Enemies, and order'd the Grenadiers to attack again. He repulſed the Enemies with a conſider-

conſiderable Loſs on their Parts, and maintain'd thoſe Poſts till Midnight, when he was order'd to retire towards our Army, which he executed without Moleſtation, and the Loſs of a ſingle Man. In all theſe Skirmiſhes, we have loſt Five Hundred Twenty-two Men, kill'd and wounded, including Thirteen Officers. The Loſs of the Enemies has been much more conſiderable; and ſince that Time, they have not dared to attack our Arrier-Guard, but left General *Daun* to continue his Retreat quietly. Our Army kept itſelf in Order of Battle, from Four in the Afternoon, on the Plain of *Roppenheim*; whilſt the Artillery and the Baggage paſs'd the *Rhine* over two Bridges below *Fort Louis*; and they were all on the other Side the River at Eight in the Evening. The Cavalry of the two Wings began to march, and paſs'd the Bridges; they were follow'd by the *Huſſars*, and the Infantry of both Wings; when they form'd, on the Plain of *Beinheim*, a long Square, to cover the March of the Cavalry; having detach'd from each Wing two Regiments of Infantry, who form'd themſelves on the Right and Left, to ſecure the Retreat of General *Daun*. In ſhort, all paſs'd in ſuch good Order, and with ſo much Eaſe, that we had not a ſingle Shot fired at us; the Enemies not daring to hinder us, or even to render our Retreat difficult.

It was Three o' Clock in the Morning before our Arrier-Guard began to defile off; and notwithſtanding it was full Day before they had all paſs'd the River, they did not perceive ſo much as a ſingle Man of the Enemies. Never was a Retreat, in paſſing ſuch a Rivet as the *Rhine*, made with ſuch Succeſs, and in better Order, than ours; becauſe the Enemies can't boaſt of taking ſo much as one Cart belonging to the Sutlers.

We could have executed, with as much Eaſe, our Retreat of the 22d and 23d, in the Day-time, had it not been for the Hopes of being able to draw the Enemies to Battle before we quitted *Alſace*.

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Son

Son Alteſſe Sereniſſime le Prince CHARLES;

Son Excellence le Comte de TRAUN.

GENERAUX DE CAVALERIE.
GEN. FELT-MARX. LIEUTS.
GEN. FELT-WACHT-MEIST.

Berlichingen. Saxe Gotha. Birkenfelt. Locatelli. Bentheim.

Baron Van Tungen. Schulemburg. Wolffenbutel. Marchal. Stahremberg. Buebla.

Grune. L. Palfi.

Leop. Daun. Tungen.

Comte de Hocheneimbs. Philbert. Baſſayra. Gerhay. Kalckrenter.

Holly, Dragoons, Lichtenſtein, Ditto.

Charles Palfi, Cavalry. Lobkowitz, Ditto.

Charles Lorrain.

Neiperg.

Leopold Daun.

Bernclau.

Stahremberg.

Guilaii.

Collowrath.

Damnitz.

Alexander Heſſe.

Francis Lorrain.

Hochenzollern, Cavalry. Dieman, Ditto.

Alchan, Dragoons. Philbert, Ditto.

Prince de WALDECK.

GEN. FELT-MARX. LIEUTS.
GEN. FELT-WACHT-MEIST.

Periſing. Czerbelloni. Spada.

Mercy. Roth.

Bernclau. Meligni. Durlach.

Konigſegg, jun. Tornaco.

Bernes. Bretlach. Forgatſch.

Hochenzeimbs, Ditto. Saxe Gotha, Dragoons.

Fr. St. Ignon, Cavalry.

Harrach.

Botha.

Grune.

Bareith.

Eſterhaſi.

Forgatſch.

Marchal.

Brune.

Hilbourghauſen.

Konigſegg.

Bernes, Cavalry.

Bathiani, Dragoons. Lanthieri, Ditto.

Corps de Reſerve.

Nadaſti. Eſterhaſi.

Deſoffi.

Fr. St. Ignon. Moringer.

Herbenſtein. Minſki.

Fr. St. Ignon. Schmorzino.

Nadaſti. Beleznay.

Trips.

Trips, Huſſars. Feſtitiz, Ditto.

Warasdiner, Huſſars. Kalnocki, Ditto.

Raaber, Ditto.

Wirtemberg, Dragoons.

Warasdiners.

Pandours.

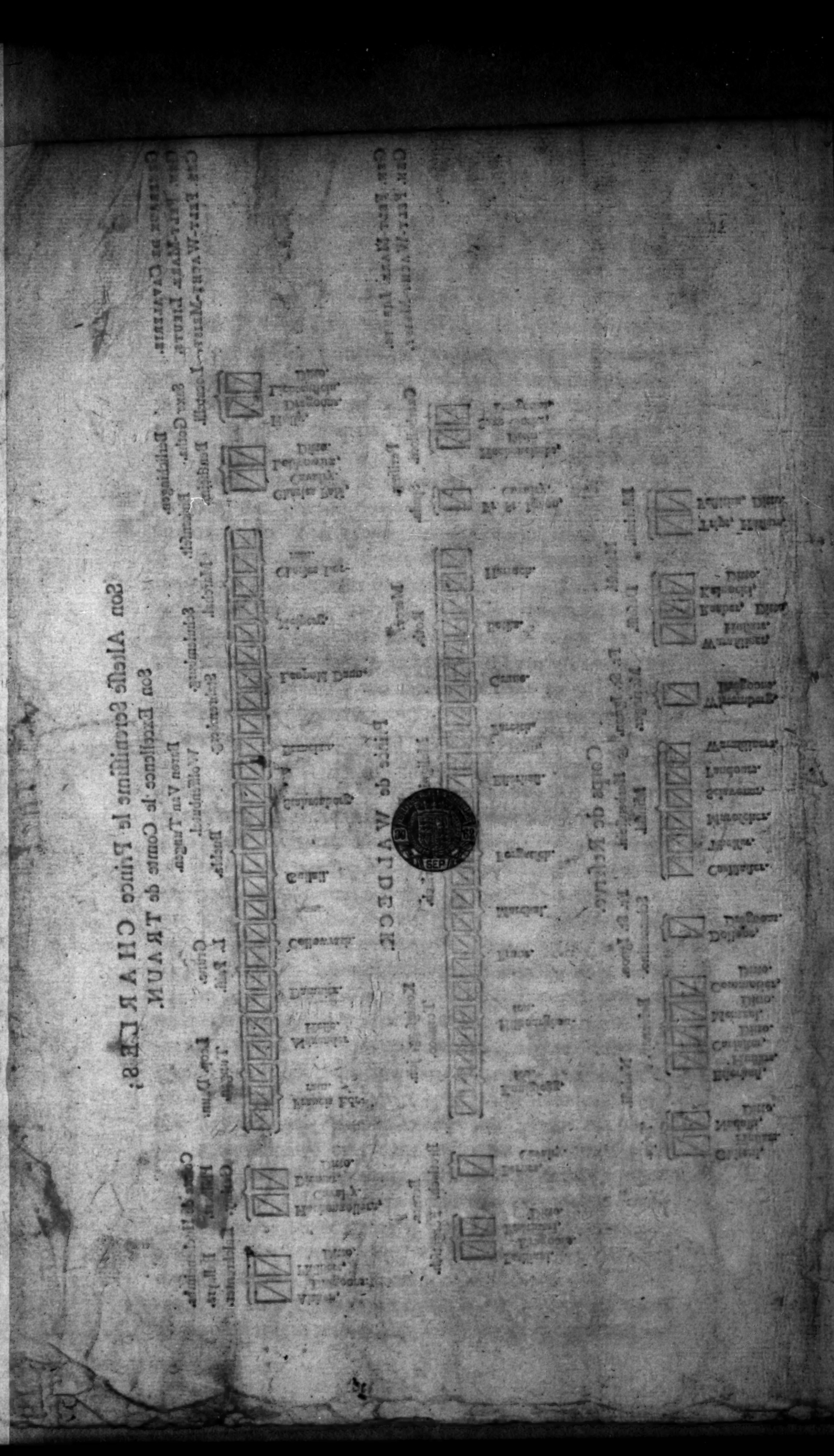
Sclavonar.

Maroſcher.

Theiſer.

Carlſtaeter.

Dollepe, Dragoons.

Eſterhaſi, Huſſars. Carlſtaeter, Ditto. Mentzel, Ditto. Commotier, Ditto.

Ghitani, Huſſars. Nadaſti, Ditto.